THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

ITS DOORS OPEN TO-DAY. PRATT INSTITUTE TO START ON A NEW

YEAR OF WORK. MANY CHANGES IN THE BUILDINGS-ABOUT 8,000 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE

CLASSES - NEW TEACHERS AND COURSES OF STUDY.

The Pratt Institute opens its doors to-day, and about 3,000 pupils have already made application for admission. Many changes have been made in the building in the summer months, chief among which is the removal of the library across Ryerson-st. to the new building erected for us reception. There are now 60,023 books upon its shelves, of which there are 2,500 volumes each of French and German works.

There is a free reference library for the public as well as a free circulating library. All citizens of this city are privileged to draw books free of charge, children under fourteen years being restricted to certain classes. The reference-room is open day and evening, and artisans, or those days are employed, are especially welcomed in the evening hours. The department is strong in technical books of reference. Last year there were 21.283 visitors to this department, consuiting 15,290 volumes. Teachers are entitled to draw six books at a time for schoolroom use, and all can take out two books at a time from the shelves of the library, Norma students being allowed three, only one to be of

The Astral Branch, opened at Franklin and Java sts. in 1890, has been a great success. There are over 3,000 volumes on its shelves, besides those obtained from the institute. There is a collection of leading periodicals and works of reference. The circulation for the last year was \$1,960 volumes, and there were 36,774 visiters to the reading-room.

The Long Island Branch, at No. 571 Atlantic ave, had a circulation for the year ending April 1, 1896, of 19,559 volumes, and 26,138 persons visited the reading-room.

been opened and another in library economy. In the main building of the institute there room and museum have been removed to the top

oor of the new library building, and the sixth floor of the main building is now given up to the aboratories for the study of the chemistry of foods and bacteriology. These will allow of finer work than could be done in the old laboratories which were also used by the High School.

The fourth and fifth floors are given up to the art departments, and they are expected to be ven more successful this year than in the past. Arthur W. Dow will be instructor of design this year also, and he will have as assistant Hugo Froelich. In the evening Montague Castle will

The third floor is given up to the domestic art department. The hallways have been enlarged and fitted with cases to contain a permanent exhibition of the work of the students, such as

The office rooms, which used to be on the second floor, are now devoted in part to the work of the High School classrooms, and as far as possible a ermanent exhibit of the work of the pupils will he maintained in them.

The general offices have been established in the The general offices have been established in the delivery-room of the former library, and in what were the reading and reference rooms the kinder-garten department training class has been established, while the practice rooms are in Willoughly-ave., and the schools of the Brooklyn Free Kindergarten Association are also open to pupils of the class. The old trade school has been altered into a gymnasium, equipped with all modern appliances. It will be ready for work in November. The trade school has been removed to the Grand-ave, building, which architecturally resembles the main building, but is better arranged on the inside. There the aboratories of the steam testing and electrical classes will be located, as well as the trade classes.

anted, as well as the trade classes. There are some new teachers the Camp, for two years instructor in domestic science. She has gone to thicago, and her place has been filled by Miss Edith Greer, from the latter city. She was graduated from Vassar College in 1889, and after a course of post-graduate work at the Chicago, University, the Leville of the Chicago, University, the Chicag he Chicago University she taught in Atlanta,

A. L. Rice has been placed in charge of the department of applied electricity. He is a graduate of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and



PROFESSOR ARTHUR L. RICE.

came to Pratt after a post-graduate course at Cornell University. He bears a high reputation in his own field, and the Pratt Institute was fortunate in securing his services.

The Department of Commerce, is now the Heffley School of Commerce, established a few doors from the Pratt Institute; it has been opened one week, with an attendance of 130 pupils. The evening classes of the institute will open on Wednesday, September 23.

Up to the present there have been about three thousand applications for admission to the institute classes. Speaking on this subject, one of the ladies connected with the institute said to a Tribune reporter: "We are doing well, but not as well as we ought to, but I suppose the hard times are affecting us the same as every one else, but they affect us in strange ways. We have a number of applications from pupils, who can no longer continue their studies at high-priced schools. Then, again, we have a number of applications from women who desire to study housekeeping or domestic science. Their husbands are out of work; they themselves have not enough education to teach French or German, and they want to study housekeeping so as to be able to teach it to others. Some of the cases are pathetic. One young girl who made application is the daughter of once wealthy parents, but her father's fortune was lost in a day, and she has been thrown on her own resources to make a living. I suppose we ought not to complain, considering the few years that the institute has been established, but we ought to be doing better."

A new and novel course has been established this year; it is for the training of waitresses. It embraces instruction in the preparation of the dining-room and the care of its utensils.

Another new feature is the Department of Applied Electricity, to train executive workers in electrical industries who cannot afford a course in engineering schools, and to fit men for such positions as managers of electrical lighting, railroading, etc. The first year's course will embrace physics; the s

A PEACEMAKER STABBED.

As the result of an Italian quarrel, Alexander Smith, twenty-four years old, of No. 396 Linden-Smith, twenty-four years old, of No. 396 Lindenst. is in St Mary's Hospital with a jagged stillette wound, four inches deep, in his hip, and Genaro Marino, fifty years old, of No. 127 Watkinsst, is locked up, charged with having stabled Smith. The latter had attempted to play the part of peacemaker among a gang of Italians who were having a fight at East New-York-ave, and Thatford-st., and was stalled for his temerity. AN OLD-TIME PILOT DEAD.

THE FUNERAL OF JOHN HOBBS, OF THE OLD SAILING FLEET, TO BE HELD TO-DAY.

The funeral of John Hobbs, one of the Sandy Hook pilots, who died at his home, No. 447 Pacificst., on Friday from cancer of the liver, will be held this morning. He was highly esteemed by ship ping men and the marine underwriting firms. Like ost of the men in the pilot service, he had many narrow escapes from death. One winter night while out on his boat the schooner was run down



by the steamship City of Washington. Hobbs man aged to catch a rope carrying a couple of dead-eyes, which hung from the steamer's bow. He climbed up along it until a satior was able to grasp his coat collar. In trying to pass a bowline around his body he fell back into the water, while the City of Washington backed away, leaving the pilot stringging in the icy waves. The pilot-boat's yawls strugging in the icy waves. The pilot-boat's yawls were too busy picking up the other men to see his predicament. For more than half an hour he kept up his struggle for life before the searchers picked him up. It was an exciting adventure, but Mr. Hobbs took it all as a part of his life. For many years he was cantain of the Fannie, No. 17, and when her sails were hauled down for the last time as a pilot-boat, he shed tears of sorrow. This was when the greater part of the fleet was taken out of sorvice and a steamboat service was begun. He was at one time half-owner of the Fannie, but latterly had sold out half of his interest in the boat. The funeral will be held this morning at the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Debevoise Place. Noarly all the Sandy Hook pilots will be present. John Hobbs had been for thirty years a pilot, and his shipmates sent a magnificent schooner built of flowers to mark their esteem for his memory. He leaves a widow, one son and a daughter. The burial will be in Greenwood this afternoon.

CHARGES OF FRAUD MADE.

INVESTORS IN "BRICK" POMEROY'S TUNNEL AFTER OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY.

WHO DENY ANY WRONGDOING. One of the pet schemes of the late "Brick" Pomeroy was the constructing of a tunnel through Rockies. For years his active brain planned and projected, and by his fireside after his busy s laid aside he talked with his wife of the future, and dreams of fortunes in gold, silver, copper, lead, fron and coal floated across his vision. it with his characteristic energy regarded it as a wise investment for the thrifty middle-class people, and would not allow stock jobbers er gamblers to get "in on the ground floor." The tunnel company-the Atlantic and Pacific-was eapitalized at \$7,000,000, and soon \$1,000,000 was subscribed. The subscribers came from all over the country, and were all small investors. This was strictly according to the projector's idea. His pur-pose all through life was to do something to benefit the people, the great middle class, and it was his desire that as many as possible should

share in this bonanza. work was begun in 1880, and the contract called for the completion of the tunnel in 1883. When the million dollars had been expended, about one and a half miles of boring had been completed, leaving nearly four miles to complete the work. Labor was suspended then, and has never since been resumed. Lately Mr. Pomeroy's favorite scheme has been he trade classes, new teachers this year, among and it is intimated that the officers of the company cers are publicly charged with planning to acquire the tunnel by allowing the taxes to go unpaid, and then have their agent buy in the property. Accord ing to the laws of Colorado, realty which is in arrears three years for taxes may be sold without

> After an investigation by an attorney, ing of the Eastern bondholders was held in New-York at the Hotel Normandie last Thursday night, and as a result actions were begun in the name of Mrs. M. E. Hoyt and others against A. S. Whittaker and B. F. George to compel an accounting and also for foreclosure of the bonded indebtedness. Whittaker and George, it is alleged, were supposed to look after the interest of the stockholders. While in this trusted capacity they allowed the property of the company to be sold for St. They then bought the tax-title for less than E.ce, and, instead of turning it over to the old company, they organized a new one, and then sent out a circular marked "private and confidential," advising the members of the old company to buy new stock or be "frozen out." A large percentage of these stockholders are too poor to put up additional margins.
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> It is further alleged that without the knowledge of the late Mr. Pomeroy or the stock and bond holders of the Cash lode, the Sonora lode, the Great West lode and the Bonn lode, their property lying across the face of the tunnel was allowed to be sold for taxes in 1890. This property covered the entrance to the tunnel, and, of course, closed it unless permission could be obtained of the holders of the tax certificates.
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> The knowledge of this sale was kept from Mr. Pomeroy, and the circular referred to was not sent out till after his death. This asked the snare and bond holders to contribute to buy back their property from the unknown owners. On August 28 the share and bond holders were surprised by another circular, which contained the information that "at a meeting heid in Denver" a few days before the company had been reorganized under the name of the Atlantic and Pacthe Raifrond Tunnel and Mining Company, with a capitalization of \$6,000,000.
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> O. L. Snyder, a Burfalo lawyer, who has been conducting the investigation for the old share and bond holders was sheet ax sales are fraudulent and void, and can be set aside.
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> Yesterday a Tribune reporter called on Mrs. Pomeroy at her home in Blythebourne and asked her so the surprise of the sare fraudulent to talk, but finally said: "If you had come clined to talk, but finally said: "If you had come clined to talk, but finally said: "If taker and B. F. George to compel an accounting and also for foreclosure of the bonded indebtedness

TO ENFORCE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

THE ASSOCIATION FORMED FOR THIS PUR-POSE SECURES EX-ASSISTANT DISTRICT. ATTORNEY YONGE'S SERVICES.

The National Civil Service Association of New-York has secured the services of Henry Yonge, ex-Assistant District-Attoreny, who will be instructed by the association to prosecute all cases in Brooklyn in which the Civil Service laws have been violated. The refusal of the Board of Aldermen to appropriate the money demanded by the Civil Service Board has angered the advocates of Civil Service in Brooklyn, but it will not interfere with the efficiency of the Commission, if the friends of Civil Service have any thing to say about it. Mr. Yonge's fees will be paid, it is said, through contributions from Brooklyn citizens who are interested in seeing the 'Civil Service

The officers of the National Civil Service Associalaws obeyed. tion say that they are satisfied that since the opening of the present year there have been many violations of the Civil Service laws in Brooklyn. They assert that in a number of cases the Civil Service Associa-

that in a number of cases the Civil Service Association has been asked to furnish eligible lists for places for which there were no lists. The heads of departments had then made temporary appointments, which they considered justifiable in the absence of eligible lists. These temporary appointments, according to the allegations of the Civil Service people, have been allowed to become permanent. It is this method of evading the laws which has attracted the attention of the Civil Service Association and prompted it to enter upon its crusade. It is charged that there have been several other methods of evading the law which have been carried out successfully. Mr. Yonge will make a thorough investigation of all suspicious appointments, and he expects to remove from the city pay-roll a large number of names which he believes should not be there. The Civil Service Association says that 10 temporary appointments have been made and allowed to stand. It has a list of the questionable appointments, and evil investigate each case thoroughly

KILLED BY A BLOW.

WILLIAM OLIVER THE VICTIM OF AN OLD

WHEN ON HIS WAY HOME FROM WORK HE WAS MET BY MARTIN O'BRIEN, AT OAK AND WEST STS.-MARTIN STRUCK HIM ON THE

FOREHEAD AND THEN ESCAPED

mculder, living with his wife and five children at No. 107 Greenpoint-ave., was killed yesterday afternoon by a blow struck by Martin O'Brien, st. Several witnesses saw O'Brien strike the blow, and Oliver wheel and fall to the sidewalk on his face. When an ambulance surgeon arrived he was dead, and O'Brien had made his escape. The tragedy occurred at Oak and West sts., and within a short distance of the homes of both men. O'Brien is thirty-six years old, and lives with his mother and sister. He is a powerful man, over six feet tall, and weighing more than 225 pounds, while his victim was of medium build and weighed about 165 pounds.

The trouble which led to the fatal blow occurred in May last, when Oliver reproached O'Brien for assaulting Michael Gynes, fifty years old, of No. 53 Franklin-st. From that time on O'Brien often, it is alleged, threatened to get even with Oliver for interfering with him, and whenever the two men met Oliver was always on his guard.

Yesterday morning Oliver left his home to go to the Continental Iron Works, at West and Calver sts., where he was employed to make a piece of iron to repair his brother's stove. It was nearly 2 o'clock when the work was completed, and he started for his home for dinner Oliver went along West-st., and just before reaching Oak-st. he started to cross the street diagonally. Standing in front of Schlichter's saloon, at No. 40 West-st., was O'Brien. It was not until Oliver was within a few yards of O'Brien that he noticed him standing there O'Brien had seen the man approaching, and walked toward him. When they met O'Brien, it is said, made some remark and the next instant struck Oliver a terrific blow in the forestant struck Oliver a terrific blow in the fore-head with his fist. Oliver was staggered by the blow, and, turning several times, fell to the street between the wheels of an ice wagon standing alongside the gutter. He struck on his face, and O'Brien, seeing him fail, walked away, going to Franklin-st., where he boarded a Greenpoint car going toward the Broadway ferries. Several men ran over to where Oliver was lying and found he was unconscious. Policeman McHenry, of the Greenpoint-ave, station, who was attracted by the crowd, ran to the scene and was told of the trouble. Instead of following O'Brien, he hastened to a telephone and sent a call for an ambulance. When Surgeon Keegan, of St. Catharine's Hospital, arrived he found the man was dead.

Acting Captain Lynch was informed of the case, and at once sent out a general alarm for the arrest of O'Brien.

All the ferries were at once closely watched, but nothing could be seen of the fugitive. The body of Oliver was removed to Nason's undertaking establishment, in Franklin-st., near by, where an examination was made. The only mark found was an abrasion on the forehead Coroner Nason ordered Dr. J. T. Valentine to make an autopsy.

Two women who saw the tragedy say that O'Brien struck Oliver without any provocation. At the home of the dead man his wife told the police that her husband had often expressed a fear that O'Brien would some day kill him for having interfered when he assaulted the old man Gynes. head with his fist. Oliver was staggered by the

DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE STORM.

THE ETHELWYNN, WHICH DEFENDED THE HALF-RATER CUP AGAINST THE SPRUCE IV, WRECKED.

heavy thunderstorm of Saturday did a great deal of damage, especially to yachts and other small craft that were anchored in Gravesend Bay. A boat owned by the Marine and Field Club, of Gravesend Bay, was capsized at the pier at Bay Fifteenth-st., and the Arrow, owned by H. W. Brett, was also capsized. A forty-five-foot sloop smashed against the Ulmer Park pier and went down. The greates: damage at Coney Island was done to S. L. Rankin' oboggan slide, in Sea Beach walk. In the early part of the storm the slide was lifted from its founda ons in several places, and was soon a complete wreck. Mr. Rankin says that the damage amounted to \$6,000, and that there was no insurance.

The most noteworthy victim of the storm was the famous little half-rater Ethelwynn, which last year won the Seawanhakz Corinthian Yacht Club's Inter-national challengs cup for half-raters from J. Arthur Brand's Spruce IV, of the Mimosa Yacht Club of England. This vessel would have been sold at auc-tion at the end of the month had she not been wrecked. She was seized by United States Marshal Hayden on September 2, on a libel filed against her by Thomas Manning for repairs and wharfage dues The amount of the claim was \$66. The Ethelwynn is

The amount of the claim was \$60. The Ethelwynn is now owned by Crosby Leonard, of New-York, and his brother. She was anchored off Avoca Villa, Bath Beach, and was dashed against the pier, sinking immediately.

The Ethelwynn, which was built for C. J. Field a year ago, was selected over six other boats to defend year ago, was selected over six other boats to defend year ago, was selected over six other boats to defend year ago, was selected over six other hoats to defend year ago, was selected by the Seawanhaka Corinchian Yashi Club. The races for the cup were sailed off cyster Bay in September 1895. The first race was started on September 21, but owing to lack of wind, was not finished. The other races were sailed on September 22, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Three of the races, those on September 22, 27 and 28. were won by the Ethelwynn, the Spruce IV winning on September 25 and 26. The race of September 24 was declared off for lack of wind.

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W. F. Siephens designed Ethelwynn, and she was built by the St. Lawrence River Skiff, Canoe and Steam Launch Company of Cayton, N. Y. She is of an unballasted type of dagger-plate board, with leg-of-mutton rig mainsalt and jib, and the usual light sails. She was built of double-skinned planking inside one-eighth-lach white cedar and outside three-sixteenth-inch Spanish cedar, with a layer of Union sitk between, well painted. The deck was one-quarter-inch white cedar, covered with heavy canvas, rubbed down and varnished. She had a water-tight cockpit, with water-tight bulkhead at each end. Her general dimensions were:

Load water-line, 14.75 feet; length over all, 23.4 feet; beam at water-line, 4 feet; 9 inches; at deck, 6 feet; draught with her board down, 5 feet; cross length of board fore and all, 26 inches.

The windward sail of the boar is about 210 feet, and her racing length about 15 feet.

THE REV. DR. DOBBINS CALLED.

The Sumner Avenue Methodist Church of Brook yn has extended a call to the Rev. Dr. John Y. Dobbins, of the Calvary Methodist Church, of Eas Dobbins, of the Calvary Methodist Church, of East Orange, N. J., and Dr. Dobbins has accepted. Dr. Dobbins will remain in East Orange until the end of the conference year, thus completing a term of three years there. His predecessor in the Brooklyn church is the Rev. James S. Chadwick. Dr. Dob-lans is fity-two years old, and has been in several of the large towns and cities in Southern New-Lersey. POLITICS IN BROOKLYN.

SHEPARD WILL NOT TAKE IT. HE REFUSES POSITIVELY TO HAVE HIS NAME MENTIONED IN THE SOUND MONEY CON-

Edward M. Shepard, the leader of the National Democratic party in Kings County, declared post ent of his position.

I shall not permit the use of my name for any nomi-

Mr. Shepard in the Democratic Reform party organi or the Sound Money Democratic nomination, and his from the field does not, however, leave the National There are several under consideration, all of whom are well known and influential among the Democratic voters in their own sections of the State. Inquiry among the Brooklyn men reveals the fact that they central section of the State. They also believe that cause will be more successful under the ship of one of the recent deserters from the old organ the helm. The selection of some man who has lef the regular party since Bryan's nomination would emphasize the fact that the leading motive of the present movement is hostility to Bryan and his re-

puisive theories.

The Brooklyn convention is expected to finish its work at one session. It will be nothing more or less than an adjourned session of the Syracuse Convention, and there will therefore be no necessity for the selection of officers, the framing of a platform or the appointment of committees. Athough there are at least half a dozen candidates for the nomination for the Governorship, there is not expected to be a long fight for that nomination, or for the second place on the ticket. There is a possibility that Irving G. Vann, the Republican nominee for Judge of the Court of Appeals, will be indorsed, but a prominent National Democrat said on Saturday that he favored the indorsement of Robert C. Titus, the Democratic nominee, on the ground of his legal record, and not withstanding the fact that he was running on a silver ticket.

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Among the most frequently named candidates for the first place on the State ticket are Daniel G. Griffin, of Watertown, recently the chairman of the regular State Executive Committee; George J. Magee, of Watkins; George B. Bradley, of Corning; examples of Charles Bishop, of Buffalo, and General Charles Tracey, of Albany, who will preside at the convention. There will be speeches by Generals Palmer and Buckner, the National Democratic candidates for President and Vice-President, and by General Tracey. The entire parquet will be reserved for the delegates, and the other portion will be open for the delegates, and the other postion to spectators, admission being by ticket.

WORTH IS FOR BENNETT. HIS FRIENDS SAY THAT HE IS NOT LOOKING FOR

THE NOMINATION FOR CONGRESSMAN IN THE VITH DISTRICT.

The political friends of ex-Senator Worth emphati n some unknown quarter to the effect that Mr. Worth was quietly working for the nomination for Congress in the VIth District. Charles G. Bennett is now the representative of the district and he is looking for a mination. According to reports that have been in eleculation for two or three days, the machine nen in the district will work ostensibly for Bennet until the convention is held and then at the last for Mr. Worth. This scheme was to be carried out without Mr. Bennett's knowledge, and was to be a ig surprise to the Anti-Machine men, who, according scheme, would be taken off their feet upor earning that the leader of the opposing faction was

day afternoon, when asked by a Tribune reporter about the story. "It's a big fake! There's no ground for it, at all. Worth would not do a thing of that kind. He has told Bennett that he is for him, and when he tells a man he is for him he means it. Mr. Worth does not want a place in Congress or any-where else. He has told me so repeatedly, and I

BRYAN'S VISIT NOT POSTPONED.

HE WILL BE IN TOWN ON WEDNESDAY-THACHER TO KEEP AWAY PROM BROOKLYN.

within the limits of its circulation a story to the effect that the visit of William J. Bryan to Brooklyn had been postponed from Wednesday until Monday, September 28. The story created no exeitement whatever, but it may be of interest to peowho want to be sure and stay in the house when Bryan visits Brooklyn that there has beno change in the date, and that Wednesday even-ing will be the time not to go near either the Academy of Music or the Clermont Avenue Rink. The Popocrat Campaign Committee, and its ad-



FATHER-DID THE DUKE GIVE YOU AN ENGAGEMENT BINGS GERTRUDE-NO; BUT HE DID THE BEST HE COULD, DOOR FELLOW; HE GAVE ME THE PAWN TICKET FOR ONE. - CTruth.

VENTION-POSSIBLE CANDIDATES. tively yesterday that he would not accept the Sound Money Democratic nomination for Governor unde any consideration. To a Tribune reporter who called on Mr. Shepard at his home, No. 172 Congress-st., vesterday afternoon, he said, when asked for a state

It was only natural, in view of the prominence o that he should be spoken of as a candidate

reality the man they were fighting.
"There's nothing in it," said Sheriff Buttling yester-

where cise. He has told me so repeatedly, and I know it.

This emphatic denial from Mr. Worth's closest friend will doubtless allay Congressman Bennett's suspicions, but it may not satisfy the administration men. Willis leaders are working for James Serpless, who is thought to be Mayor Wurster's choice, and John P. Milliken, who was Mayor Wurster's alternate to the St. Louis Convention. The friends of Mayor Wurster and Commissioner Willis say that they will carry the coming Congress District Convention by a safe margin. They won in the district convention which selected the two delegates to the National Convention, but lost ground in the selection of delegates to the State Convention. They credit their defeat at that time to the absence of many of their men from the city because of the hot weather, and say their full voting strength will be on hand for the coming contest. The Worth men, on the other hand, assert that they will carry the district as easily as they did in the last round, and renominate Congressman Bennett without trouble.

A Brooklyn newspaper spread abroad yesterday

juset, the Bryan and Sewall Campaign Club of Kings County, No. 1 and only, have been advertis-ing as widely as possible the announcement that

by birth and breeding and a silver-bug by injunction should speak from the same platform in support of the same issue. Mr. Thacher, therefore, will not be in Brooklyn on Wednesday.

An out-of-door meeting will be held in Montaguest. on Wednesday night for the benefit of the millions who will not be able to get into the Academy or the Rink.

RAIN DID NOT STOP THE MEETING. ALTHOUGH IT WAS INTENDED TO POSTPONE THIS RALLY, MANY BRAVED THE WEATHER

An open-air Republican rally was to have been held at the Hotel Columbo, Henry and Poplar sts. on Saturday night, but when the rain came down in torrents the managers of the affair decided to and the brass band which had been needed. However when the time arrived for open among them Franklin Woodruff, ex-Congressman Denis M. Hurley, Assemblyman Edward C. aan and Samuel H. Drew, and it was decided to hold an informal meeting. Mr. Woodruff presided, and in calling the meeting to order he said:

We all like silver in its place. It is about as hard to get as is gold in these perilous times. Much has been said about the silver question in this campaign, and much more will be said before it is closed, but in my judgment the subject simmers down to the question of protection. you protect American Industries? Will you see to it that our gold is not sent abroad to the detriment of our laboring men? The Wilson bill is the most abominable piece of legislation that has ever been perpetrated upon the American people. Had it not been for that bill, this country would now be as prosperous as it was under Harrison. Under the Wilson bill we are importing \$80,000,000 worth of wool a year, as against \$6,000,000 under the McKinley bill. The depreciation in the growth of American wool has amounted to \$43,000,000 a year. As a result, \$73,000,000 has been taken out of the pockets of our laboring people and sent to foreign countries. you protect American industries? Will you see

countries.

"But the people are coming to their senses. The election in Maine was glorious. The Democrats have rulned the lumber business and the coal business and the fishing interests, and American labor in Maine is idle. Is it any wonder she has given 50,000 majerity for Republicanism? The wonder is that there is a single Democrat left in the State. Let every other State follow her noble example."

ANOTHER DEMOCRAT RESIGNS. HE WAS A DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL COM

MITTEE BUT COULD NOT STAND BRYAN. Alexander Cameron a delegate to the Democrati resigned his membership in the committee because of the acceptance of Bryan and the Chicago platform by the regular organization. He has sent the

following letter to James D. Bell: following letter to James D. Bell:

James D. Bell, Chairman of the Democratic General
Committee of Kings County, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dear Sir: As the General Committee has ratified
the principles enunciated in the Chicago platform,
and as I am unalterably opposed to those principles,
believing them un-Democratic and fraught with
great danger to the welfare of the country, and as I
will not support the candidates nominated upon such
a platform, I hereby tender my resignation as a
delegate to the General Committee from the Twentieth District of the Seventh Ward of the city of
Brooklyn, Very respectfully yours. Very respectfully yours,
ALEXANDER CAMERON.

WHAT THE WILLING WORKERS WILL DO.

WELL-KNOWN SPEAKERS TO AID THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THE SOCIETY IS ORGANIZED.

Mrs. John H. Faraday, the president of the Willing Workers, has returned to her home, No. 1.321 Bushwick-ave.

how Mrs. Faraday, moved to pity at the condition of the poor generally in the Eastern District and especially the young girls just budding into to her own Sunday-school class, formed the So-



MRS. J. H. FARADAY.

grew and prospered, and the great amount of good that it did, until at last it got to be too large and cumbersome for one woman to carry, when it was

the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Faraday is still the president of the Willing Workers. Her soul is in the work, and she did not forget them when she was taking the rest which she stood so much in need of during the summer

The Rev C. H. Yatman, the evangelist, has been engaged to open the fall work under the auspices of the Willing Workers Society of the Bushwick

Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Yatman's subject will be "Aggressive Christianity." He sails for Europe on October 10, and he would look with favor on this scheme, and prob-will make an evangelical tour through Great Britain ably make a favorable report on it next year. this winter. It is not yet determined whether he Young Men's Christian Association Hall, in

Fulton-st, or in some other place, as it cannot be learned (on account of Mr. Yatman being in hiding) whether his free nights and days will accord with the open dates at the Young Men's Christian Association, but it will probably be either October 1 or s.

Mrs. Faraday has also secured a promise from Colonel Hadley, of St. Bartholomew's Mission in New-York, to lend his help to the cause so dear to her heart, and he will deliver a lecture on "The Sunny Side of Mission Work."

Miss Sara Wray, who was formerly an adjutant in General Booth's Salvation Army, and who has had much experience in religious work in the Whitechapel district of London and in the slums of New-York, will give her services to the Willing Workers in a lecture on "Work in Whitechapel."

The work of the Willing Workers is not of the rescue kind, but rather of a preventative nature, and reaches especially young girls who have no opportunity to learn many things that would be of benefit to them, on account of the hard work and the poor pay that fill up their days. For the benefit of these, classes in dressmaking and millinery were formed, also one in physical culture. They want to teach the girls how to develop in the right way, and also how to dress becomingly on little money.

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The club home of the Willing Workers is at No. 757 Putnam-ave. Everything that the president can think of and that the funds will permit is done to make this club home pleasant for its members, to give these girls who are making such a brave struggle a place of healthful recreation surrounded by Christian influence.

BURGLARS BLEW THE SAFE OPEN.

THEY ENTERED THE SHEEPSHEAD BAY POST OFFICE, BUT DID NOT SECURE ANY MONEY. erday morning, when this es entered the postoffice at Sheepshead Bay. They entered the place by forcing open a rear window, and after rummaging about for some time in which they scattered a numper of books and papers, they turned their attention eral holes in the safe in an attempt to force open the combination and blew open the door with powder.

The force of the explosion awakened George W. Matthews, a letter-carrier, who lives over the place, but he was too frightened to raise an alarm until after the thieves had gone away. He then raised a window and after whistling and calling for help managed to awaken Mrs. Tuttle, who lives in the house next door to the postoffice. She called to Superintendant Heffner, who also lives in the same house, but he, it is alleged, refused to go into the building, saying that he had no shotkun and that he was affaid to tackle the thieves unarmed.

At daybreak he made an investigation, but much to his surprise he found that the thieves, although they had blown open the safe, had failed to take any of the stamps or money away.

The men had evidently been frightened off by the barking of a dog in the next house, for Matthews says that just before he raised the window three men left the building and waked hurriedly to the end of the block, where they were joined by another man who seemed to be on the lookout for them. They then separated, each going in a different direction. combination and blew open the door with powder

ASPHALT STRIPS PROPOSED.

HOW TO CONNECT HANCOCK-ST. WITH GLENMORE-AVE.

BUSHWICK-AVE. MAY BE MADE READY FOR

WHEELMEN FOR \$10,000 OR LESS-ONE WHEEL-MAN'S EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS.

With the rapid progress of work on the new pave ment in Glenmore-ave., people living in the Bedford region—that is, those of the Seventh, Twenty-first, Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth wards are wondering whether some easier and shorter way of getting to the new road leading to the castern limits of the city is not to be provided than by going up Bedford-ave. and along the Eastern Parkway to reach the Glenmore-ave, improvement. The matter has been discussed to a considerable extent by wheel especially by those living east of Bedford-ave., and has been considered to some extent by the officials of the Department of City Works.

It is understood by all interested that nothing in the way of new asphalt pavements will be undertaken the present year, since, on account of the financial condition of the city, a large number of contracts which were made some time ago cannot be completed before next year. It is hoped, however, to get the matter in such shape that it can be taken in hand early next season.

One suggestion made by an official was that to reach Glenmore-ave, the most convenient way would be to carry the asphalt on McDonough-st as far east as Saratoga-ave, provide a similar pevement for that avenue to Hull-st., and then proceed with the same paving material along Hull-st. to Stone-ave., which would bring the smooth pavement within a short distance of the freshly laid macadam in Stone and Glenmore aves. But that would involve the laying of a considerable amount of asphalt through a neighborhood that is scarcely ready for it, and all the expense would be thrown on the city at large.

A better plan has been suggested by an thusiastic wheelman, who is constantly on the alert to secure improvements in pavements for the benefit of all the cyclists of the city, and who has made some recommendations in the past that have been acted on in due course of time. It is frankly admitted by City Works officials closely connected with the repaying of streets that this is by far the best plan that has been proposed.

As is generally known, there is an asphalt

ent in Hancock-st. from Nostrand-ave. east to Reid-ave., and the asphalt is at present being carried two blocks further, to Ralph-ave. It is not so generally known that the preliminary steps were taken by the Board of Aldermen last June to carry this sort of pavement through Hancock-st., acros Broadway, and as far as Central-ave At present there is not an inch of asphalt in the city east of Howard-ave. The proposel improvement of Hanock-st. will provide asphalt all the way to Bushwick-ave., which is the only matter of importance n connection with the project under consideration. Bushwick-ave. Is a fine, broad street, leading di-

rectly to the projected extension of Eastern Park-way, and likewise to Pennsylvania-ave. The latter now being paved with vitrified brick to a point below Glenmore-ave., and a few blocks of wick-ave, are also to be provided with a brick pavement under a contract made by the Park Department. Unfortunately, the greater part of Bush-wick-ave, was paved with granite a few years ago, during the Chapin administration. Like most of the payements put down at that time, this work was shabbily done, and the surface is now full of un

The plan suggested for getting over this difficulty is to place an asphalt strip on each side of the avenue south of Hancock-st., as far as the brick pavement beginning near the entrance to Evergreens Cemetery, a distance of about eighteen blocks, or a little less than a mile. Nothing the way of apphalt strips has been undertaken Brocklyn, although Commissioner White, when at the head of the City Works Department, though it might be a good idea to make some experiments in that direction. What has been done in this line in New-York City, especially in Madison-ave, and Hudson-st., shows that such strips a few feet wide answer the needs of wheelmen admirably, and it is not doubted that the same plan would work well in Brooklyn.

WHAT ENGINEER LEWIS SAYS.

When this plan was talked over with Enginee N. P. Lewis, who has charge of the work of street onstruction and maintenance in the City Works Department, he said that it was the best sugges-

tion that had been offered, and added:
"Of course, it is out of the question for anything
to be done this year, but I do not see why this idea "Of course, it is out of the question for anything to be done this year, but I do not see why this idea should not be favorably regarded another year. The cost is an important matter to be considered. It is a most satisfactory feature of the pian that resolutions of intention have aiready been adopted by the Aldermen looking to the extending of the asphalt on Hancock-st. as far as 'central-ave. That leaves only Bushwick-ave, to be provided for. We have had no experience with strips or ribbons of asphalt in this city, but, judging by what they have done in New-York. I suppose the best place for such strips is next the curb on each side of the street. If a strip of asphalt was put down in the street. If a strip of asphalt was put down in the middle of the axenue it would be largely monopolized by vehicles, and probably the wheelmen would get less use of it than if one narrow strip were placed on each side.

"If these strips were four and a half feet wide, I should estimate roughly that for a mile the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$10,00. Perhaps at would not be so much, and naturally it would not be if narrower strips were laid. The asphalt with the binder course would be three inches thick. It would no ecessary to remove the granite blocks and relay them, so as to gain three inches of room for the asphalt, or else the granite blocks could be taken away for use elsewhere, and a concrete foundation be put down for the asphalt. The latter course would be more costly, but then the city would have the granite blocks, instead of burying them."

ACCOMMODATING THE EASTERN DISTRICT. Mr. Lewis's manner was such as to indicate that

A smooth route of this kind would be a boon, not only to the wheelmen of the Bedford section, alonly to the wheelmen of the Bedford section, already, referred to, but to the entire Eastern District, and it will also accommodate the large number of riders who cross the East River from New-York on their way to the good roads of Long Island. The natural outlet for that region is Bedford are, but instead of going up the bill. ford-ave., but instead of going up the hill to the Eastern Parkway on their way to Queens County, wheelmen would simply turn through Hancock-st. and make their way thither more directly and over better roads. Not only will the proposed route connect with Glenmore-ave. but it will lead directly to the extension of the Eastern Parkway, which will take in a small part of Bushwick-ave. hear the Evergreens Cemetery.

It may be added here, in the interest of the wheelmen of New-York and Brooklyn, that it would be an excellent thing to urge the laying of asphalt strips to the ferry at Broadway, in Brooklyn, and East Twenty-third-st., in New-York, so as to make this ferry more easily accessible than it now is. ford-ave., but instead of going up the hill to the

FUMIGATORS LEFT FIRE BEHIND THEM. There was considerable interest manifested in Canarsie yesterday in the report that the fire in Mrs. Bridget Murphy's cottage, in Conklin-ave., on Saturday was caused by coals used by the Health Department in fumigating the house. A sixteen-menths-old child of Mrs. Murphy died on Saturmenths-old child of Mrs. Murphy died on Saturday, and the death was caused, it was said, by membraneas croup. The Health Board investigated the case, and decided that the house should be fumigated. The employes of the Health Department completed their work and left the house at 10:30 o'clock on Saturday morning, leaving, it is alleged, a small dish of sulphur burning in the parlor. About 230 o'clock the fire was discovered in the parlor. The damage to the house was about \$3.000, and two men were injured while attempting to extinguish the blaze. A falling timber inflicted a scalp wound on William Dieter, and George Smith was badly burned on the right arm.

A COURT-MARTIAL ON THE MAINE.

It has been learned that the coming of the squadron to Tompkinsville has more significance than the mere taking on of stores and coal. This marning a general court-martial will convene on the Maine and at least twenty-five men will be brought before it. The personnel of the court could not be learned last night, but it was said that it could not complete its labors until Thursday or Friday. There seems to be a great deal of mystery about the courts. to be a great deal of mystery about the coming

to be a great deal of mystery about the coming trials. It was asserted that neither the names of the accused nor the charges would be known until the court organized this mornins.

Active preparations are being made for a boat race between the apprentices of the Raleigh and those of the Indiana. The boys of the former are now the champions of the fleet, and though no prizes can be contested for under the rules of the department, the honor of winning the race is sufficient to urge them to do their utmost. The crews have been training at every opportunity, and the crack Raleigh men have practised almost daily. There was some talk of putting the crew of the New-York in the race, but the practice pulls have made the Indianamen the favorites. The course will be a three-mile.